

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	EAS.84
Historic Name:	Nickerson, Eva House
Common Name:	
Address:	845 Massasoit Rd
City/Town:	Eastham
Village/Neighborhood:	North Eastham
Local No:	05-180
Year Constructed:	c 1900
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	No style
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Shingle; Wood



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FORM B - BUILDING

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220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

Assessor's
Number

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USGS Quad

Orleans

Area(s)

Form Number

84

Town

Eastham

(neighborhood or village)

845 Massasoit Road

Historic Name

Present Residential

Original "

Year of Construction c. 1900

See Bibliography*

Form Center-chimney, Side-gable
House Form

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Not Visible

Wall/Trim Shingles

Roof Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition Good

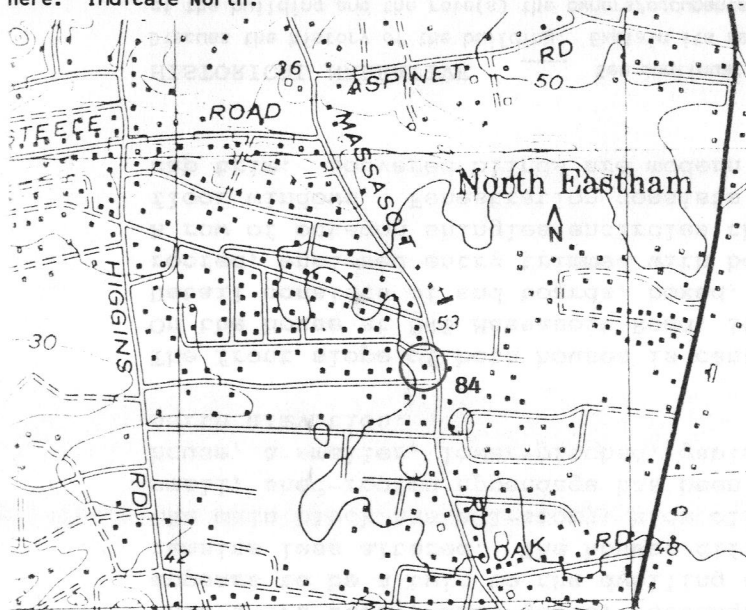
Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage .4 Acres

Setting Located in a moderately-settled,
rural area between the intersections of
Massasoit Trail to the S and Oak Ridge
Road to the N and Massasoit Road.



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BUILDING FORM

845 Massasoit Road

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This 1 1/2-story, side-gable, rectangular, 3 x 2-bay, center-chimney house appears to be a twin to the dwelling at 945 Massasoit Road, but this dwelling remains less altered. The houses differ in their appendages. In both cases, the main block has a 1-story, side ell to the south. At 845 Massasoit Road, a small, shed-roofed appendage has been added at its southwest corner. On this house, a smaller, lower-pitched, gable-roofed wing has also been added to the north elevation.

The front slope of both houses is centered with a 2-bay, gable-roofed dormer. On the house at 845 Massasoit Road, it is trimmed with fish scale shingles. Detail consists of end boards, boxed, molded cornice and a center, gable-roofed, enclosed entry trimmed with both octagon and fish scale shingles. A row of octagon shingles encircles the house above and below the first floor windows. Fenestration consists of 2/1, double-hung sash with cornice-cap trim. Louvered blinds are modern replacements.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Massasoit Road was developed during the Federal Period (1775-1830). By the end of the Federal Period, Methodists had established a campground near Campground Road off Massasoit Road. This center for summer religious retreats lasted from 1830 to 1862 when the camp moved to Yarmouth. By 1831, one of Eastham's five schools and many residences were located on Massasoit Road.

It is likely that many of the residents were involved in agriculture. Grains were an early cash crop in Eastham and later, asparagus and turnips became more common. Husbandry and fishing were also important sources of income for Massasoit Road residents. By 1901, at least seven farmers were living on Massasoit Road. There were also a clerk, lighthouse keeper, laborer and a grocer. A provisions store was located on the corner of Oak and Massasoit Roads. By the twentieth century, the road had become an important way from Orleans through Eastham to Wellfleet. Seasonal residents had begun building summer homes and cottages by the Early Modern Period.

The house at 845 Massasoit Road was built after 1900 for Eva Nickerson. Unattributed deed research on file at the Eastham Historical Society Archives and information from the 1908 map indicate that prior to 1908, she transferred the property to Jesse Brewer, a carpenter. Brewer sold in 1910, to Mary Herman, who conveyed to Harry Turner in 1926. Later, Louie and Arthur Benner owned the building. Arthur Benner was a "quahauger" who owned a boat which he moored on Eastham's bay shore.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☒ See continuation sheet.

☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;
If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Eastham

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